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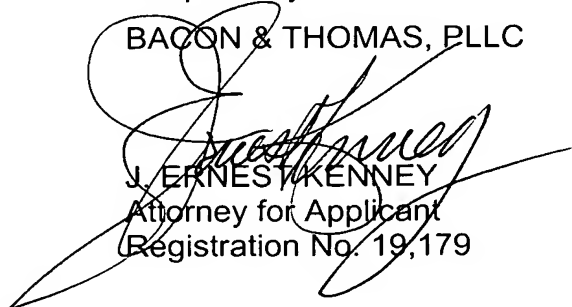
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Sir:

Applicant, through counsel, hereby withdraws the Notice of Appeal filed in the above-identified application and further advises that this application is to be ABANDONED.

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